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**Amendments to the specification**

Please replace paragraph numbers [0023] and [0039] of the application as published under publication number US 2007/0119889 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0023] tines 12, V-shape base 15, arms 17, distal ends 35

[0039] FIG. 2 shows the bicycle carrier 10 attached to a vehicle hitch structure 24. The described embodiment of the bicycle carrier 10 has a horizontal upper bar 14 with a plurality of cradles called fork crown cradles 13, attached to a horizontal upper bar 14. A fork crown cradle 13, shown in FIG. 3, is comprised of [4] four tines 12 approximately [5] five inches in length, arranged into [2] two V-shaped structures 15, with a V-angles of approximately 70 degrees, spaced approximately [4] four inches apart.,and] Arms 17 form about the top [1/2] half of the tines 12 being and are parallel to each other. Each of the tines 12 has a corresponding free distal end 35. The fork crown cradles 13 can be set at an angle between 0 and 90 degrees from the longitudinal axis of the horizontal upper bar 14. In the described embodiment in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 the fork crown cradles 13 are at an angle of approximately 45 degrees from the longitudinal axis of the horizontal upper bar 14. Each fork crown cradle 13 is spaced at a distance from an adjacent fork crown cradle 13 to allow the closest possible proximity of another bicycle, about 7 inched in the described embodiment. The horizontal upper bar 14, best shown by FIG. 2, is attached to the vertical support mast 18, and the lowermost end of the vertical support mast 18 is affixed to the bicycle carrier hitch attachment bar 19. The bicycle carrier hitch attachment bar 19 is simply slid into a receiver style vehicle hitch structure 24. At a point on the vertical support mast 18 located approximately one bicycle wheelbase length down from the horizontal upper bar 14, is the rear wheel horizontal stabilizer bar 20. In the described embodiment the rear wheel

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horizontal stabilizer bar 20 is offset to the right by approximately 1/2 of a bicycle wheel diameter, as viewed from behind, by the stabilizer offset tube 25. Spaced equidistant on the rear wheel stabilizer bar 20 and centered with respect to the fork crown cradles 13 on the horizontal upper bar 14, are J-hook and knob devices 22. The J-hook and knob devices 22 are simply hooks with threads and a knob on the non-hooked end, which pass through holes in the rear wheel stabilizer bar 20, and are used to secure a bicycle rear wheel, see FIG. 7.